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Applicant(s):

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT 37 CFR § 1.115

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and amend the above-identified application as shown below. Please note that this Preliminary Amendment will affect the claims fee for the application, therefore a new calculation of the claims fee is attached to this Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the new filing fee as shown on the attached Fee Transmittal to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. No additional fee is required.

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